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FOR EA/PRCM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD EEWT US CH ESTC
SUBJ: SALE OF SEISMIC SHIP TO THE PRC

1. H.L. GRANT OF GRANT GEOPHYSICAL CORPORATION,
HOUSTON, TOLD USLO ON JANUARY 10 THAT HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY
NEGOTIATED A \$2.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SALE
OF A FULLY EQUIPPED USED SEISMIC EXPLORATION SHIP TO
THE PRC. THE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH A SATELLITE COM-
MUNICATIONS RECEIVER WHICH USES A COMPARATIVELY
SIMPLE COMPUTER. THE SHIP INCLUDES A SEISMIC
STREAMER CABLE AS PART OF ITS BASIC EQUIPMENT.

2. GRANT WILL BE FILLING AN EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION
PERSONALLY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND IS LOOKING
FORWARD TO DISCUSSING DETAILS WITH COMMERCE. GRANT
WAS TOLD BY THE CHINESE THAT THEY HAD RECENTLY
PURCHASED FULLY EQUIPPED SEISMIC SHIPS FROM FRANCE AND
NORWAY. THE CHINESE SUGGESTED TO GRANT THAT THEY
WOULD GO TO OTHER SOURCES, MOST PROBABLY FRANCE, IF
A USG LICENSE FOR THIS SHIP WERE NOT FORTHCOMING.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GRANT DID NOT GO INTO GREAT DETAIL, THIS
SALE SEEMS TO SHARE A NUMBER OF FEATURES WITH THE SALE BY LITTON
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INDUSTRIES OF A MARINE SEISMIC PACKAGE; WE UNDERSTAND A MODIFIED
VERSION OF THE LATTER IS NOW PENDING COCOM APPROVAL.
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